

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1118  
By Ramsey

A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend Harry E. Scanlan for his many contributions to the community of Bristol.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to specially recognize those dedicated and driven local leaders who have devoted their considerable talents and energy over the years to making their communities a better place to live; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding Tennessean is Harry E. Scanlan, who, since 1993, has served as Executive Director of the Paramount Center for the Arts in Bristol, where he has guided the Center's mission with great ability; and

WHEREAS, born April 21, 1946, in Manchester, Iowa, Mr. Scanlan was Director of Development at Upper Iowa University in Fayette, Iowa by age 25; before assuming the Directorship of the Paramount Center, he served as Director of Planned Giving for American Baptist Churches in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, Director of Development at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama from 1979-84, and Vice President for Institutional Advancement at King College from 1984-92; and

WHEREAS, Harry Scanlan's commitment to the arts is reflected by his membership in the League of Historic American Theaters, where he has been a board member since 2001 and serves as its Secretary; the Arts Alliance of the Mountain Empire; and the Tennessee Arts Commission, where he has served as a Music Panel member since 2001; and

WHEREAS, heavily involved in civic and community work, Mr. Scanlan has been a Rotary Club member since 1974 with perfect attendance and served as President of the Bristol Rotary Club from 1989-90; he is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow and, a Sustainer, served as Chair of the Attendance Committee from 1994-96 and has served as Chair of Orientation since 1998; and

WHEREAS, Harry Scanlan has also served United Way as a Board member from 1985-98 and as a member of the E&A Panel since 1985, including service as E&A Chair in 2002; his other memberships include the Downtown Bristol Association, which he served as Chair from 1999-2002; Believe in Bristol; Bristol Chamber of Commerce; Rhythm and Roots; Beaver Creek Walk; the PTA, which he served as President for three terms; Bristol Motor Speedway; Birthplace of Country Music Association, which he served as a member of the Board of Directors from 1989-92; the YMCA, where he served on the Board of Directors from 1992-95; and the Wellmont Foundation Gala, for which he was the Entertainment Chair for two years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Scanlan is a devout and faithful member of First Baptist Church since 1984; he has served as a Deacon from 1982-85 and in 2003 and is the present Chair Elect; he also volunteers in the nursery and drives the seniors' van; and

WHEREAS, Harry Scanlan is deeply committed to family values and is the proud father of Jane Edith Burns, Lisa Carol Scanlan and Kyle Thomas Scanlan; he is the doting grandfather of Madeline Jane Burns and Annalisa Jo Burns and is the human companion of the feline Silent Bob; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his devotion to the Paramount Center for the Arts, Mr. Scanlan is an outspoken advocate of Downtown Bristol; loves baseball and softball, having coached the latter; travelling; trying new foods; and acting as a secret Santa to children in need; and

WHEREAS, Harry Scanlan's commitment and enthusiasm to his work and his community have inspired others to describe him as "a walking Chamber of Commerce," "the heart and soul of Downtown Bristol," one who "tries to fill the gap for anyone in need," "Mr. Paramount," one who "will not shy away from any task," "generous to a fault," and "a friend to all"; his son Kyle, when asked by professors and friends at college what he wanted to do after graduation, said, "I want to be just like my Dad"; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly pause in its deliberations to specially recognize and honor this outstanding community leader and supporter of the arts; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Mr. Harry E. Scanlan for his years of dedicated service to his community and advocacy of the arts and thank him for his unstinting commitment of his time and talents to the causes that he has espoused.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we offer him our best wishes for every success and satisfaction in all his future endeavors and much happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.